

A VISION

Last night I fell asleep and dream'd
A dream most strange and sweet,
An angel from above, it seem'd,
Came down my soul to greet.
A wondrous light did I behold
Shine 'round me where I lay,
And then I heard, surprise untold,
A voice beside me say:
"Of all the souls on earth who dwell
Whom lovest thou most dear?"
In awe I lay as in a spell,
For Heav'n itself seem'd near.
"Of all the ones who live on earth,"
My answer low I press'd,
"I love the one who gave me birth,
I love my mother best."
He smiled on me a heav'nly smile,
"My child, thy heart is true,
This life is but a little while,
The Master loves her too."
And then he faded from my sight,
In wondrous peace I lay,
And waking saw on distant height
The dawning of the day.